

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 540

By Jenkins

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Noble J.D. Grinder of  
Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Noble J.D. Grinder; and

WHEREAS, a skillful and accomplished businessman, Noble J.D. Grinder was a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grinder moved to Memphis at the age of fifteen, where he worked odd jobs until securing a position at Southern Boiler and Tank with his older brother, R.C. Grinder. His strong work ethic and entrepreneurial spirit drove him to jobs at S&W Construction, Southern Builders, and Darden Lindell before eventually founding Grinder Excavating in 1961, which he operated with his wife until their retirement in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Noble J.D. Grinder was also deeply devoted to his family, and he would often host hunting and fishing trips for them. He always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grinder is preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Nancy Morrell Grinder; his great-grandson, Colton Mitchell Brewer; and his wife of fifty-nine years, Cereice "Chick" Grinder; and

WHEREAS, Noble J.D. Grinder is survived by his children, Greg Grinder and Lesa Grinder White; his grandchildren, Shane Grinder, Heath Grinder, Brooke Brewer, Katie Szostak, and Ali Winters; his great-grandchildren, Nikki Grinder, Gabbi Barnett, Jessica Grinder, Emily Grinder, Chandler Reese Brewer, Collins Brewer, Adalynn Szostak, Weslynn Winters, Walker Winters, Whit Winters, and Kellen Szostak; his great-great-grandchild, Cayleigh Webb; and his siblings, Ed Grinder, Don Grinder, and Fredda Grinder Bennett; and

WHEREAS, Noble J.D. Grinder leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Noble J.D. Grinder, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Grinder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.